

**Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Meeting**  
**July 12, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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Attendees: Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Shawn Igoe (City of Manhattan Beach), Kristy Morris (City of Hermosa Beach), TJ Moon (LACFCD), Chien Pei Yu (Caltrans) by phone, Chris Wessel (Geosyntec) by phone, Kathleen McGowan (McGowan Consulting), Susan Robinson (McGowan Consulting)

**1. Approval of minutes from May**

- a. One comment from Caltrans regarding attendee list: Caltrans was present by Phone
- b. Minutes revised and unanimously approved
- c. Shawn Igoe (City of Manhattan Beach) is now acting Utilities Manager and will be taking over for Raul as lead Stormwater Coordinator. Raul is now serving as Acting Public Works Director.

**2. Ports of Long Beach/Los Angeles Presentation on the Dominguez/Harbor Toxics TMDL**

- a. Andrew Jirik from Port of Los Angeles presented their Ports' approach for meeting the Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters Toxic Pollutants TMDL
  - i. The Harbor Technical Working Group is developing computer models to analyze the linkage between hydrodynamic/sediment transport of DDT and PCBs, fate of contaminants, and bioaccumulation to focus their strategy on hot spots in the Harbors
  - ii. Have been monitoring at key storm drain outfalls in the watershed using new high resolution analytical methods to obtain very low detection limits in water samples. Sampling locations have included the Torrance lateral, Dominguez Channel, Machado Lake, freshwater lens in the Dominguez Channel Estuary, Los Angeles River and Pier A
  - iii. EWMP groups are encouraged by the Ports to add high resolution analysis of DDT and PCBs to their CIMPs, but understand that the additional cost may not be something the groups are able to take on at this time
- b. Copy of presentation will be sent out to the group by McGowan Consulting

**3. CIMP Implementation and submittals for review**

- a. Semi-Annual Data Submittal Letter
  - i. Comments from LA County and McGowan Consulting have been incorporated into the letter. There were no comments from Torrance, Hermosa Beach, or Redondo Beach staff.
  - ii. Final letter will be sent by Manhattan Beach to the Regional Board this week
- b. Schedule
  - i. A slightly revised version of the CIMP schedule sent out by Geosyntec in May was distributed to group

1. Reporting years have been modified/shifted so that the first IMCR and semiannual data report falls at the end of Year 1 vs at the back end of the Third Year
  2. Dates will be revised by Geosyntec to allow for more sufficient review time of the semi-annual data reports and the Integrated Monitoring Compliance Report (IMCR)
  3. Geosyntec and McGowan Consulting will coordinate on dates/timeline for the draft and final IMCR and associated annual monitoring data spreadsheet
- ii. Geosyntec will adjust the schedule and send out a revised schedule to the group after coordinating with McGowan Consulting
- c. Permits
- i. LA County permit covering three sites (BCEG-04 [190<sup>th</sup>], BCEG-06 [MB Blvd], and BCEG-07 [Torrance Lateral]) is complete for Year 1; will renew each year.
    1. Permit allows for installation of flow probes
  - ii. Process initiated for access permits from Manhattan Beach (BCEG-01), Hermosa Beach (BCEG-02), and Redondo Beach (BCEG-03 and -05).
    1. Geosyntec has submitted access permit application package to MB
    2. Redondo Beach needs to have an approved Traffic Control Plan, which has already been submitted and is under review
    3. Hermosa Beach will verify what needs to be submitted for access to BCEG-02
    4. Geosyntec requested that all access permits be in place by early to mid-August so there is time to install flow probes and troubleshoot any problems before the wet season
- d. Responses needed to Geosyntec on:
- i. ASAP: Traffic Control Plan (TCP) Reviews: Hermosa Beach (1), Redondo (4), Lawndale (1)
    1. Site in Lawndale will also include TCP for RB as well as Lawndale
    2. Schedule – TCPs will need to be approved by each City
  - ii. ASAP: Proposed flow probe installation with budget adjustment
    1. EcoKai memo regarding the installation of flow probes was distributed to the group
      - a. Installation of the probes is not in the original budget
      - b. Cost will be about an extra \$16K, one-time cost
      - c. Group unanimously agreed to install flow probes
    2. Geosyntec will move forward with the ordering of the probes and work with each City to get these installed by late August early Sept. before the wet season
  - iii. July 20<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for comments to on Health and Safety Plan (HASP)

1. HASP covers Geosyntec. EcoKai plans to adopt the same HASP protocols as well
  - a. Group wanted to be sure that EcoKai and Michelson have their own HASPs in place
  - b. Chris Wessel will check into how to either include EcoKai and Michelson or get a plan from each of them to attach to the Geosyntec HASP
- iv. August 12: Deadline for comments on Activation Memo for Wet Weather Sampling (for discussion at August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- v. September 1: Deadline for comments on Tech Memo 1.9 Exceedance Notification and Action Plan (for discussion at August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- vi. Geosyntec will resend the Activation Memo for Wet Weather Sampling and Tech Memo 1.9 Exceedance Notification and Action Plan to the WMG for review and discussion at the August meeting
- e. NSW Investigation
  - i. Herondo Outfall
    1. Geosyntec went into field in June at Herondo and RB Pier outfalls to investigate flows
      - a. No persistent flow identified at Herondo, no upstream flows detected, Low Flow Diversion was working, and there were no obvious sources of flow downstream of the Low Flow Diversion
      - b. Recommended action: follow-up inspection(s) during Winter Dry Weather (after first storm, once berm has been breached)
    2. RB Pier flow
      - a. The source of flow at this outfall has been identified as pumped groundwater or ponded tidal water
      - b. Redondo Beach is investigating where the flows are coming from and will work with Geosyntec to identify source(s)
      - c. Based on the results, Geosyntec will prepare a memo for the WMG on the source investigations so that we can report on them in the annual report
      - d. Recommended action: divert flow or begin dry weather monitoring twice per year to demonstrate flow is not causing or contributing to receiving water limitation exceedances
  - f. NSW Prioritization Memo is Awaiting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> screening results from City of Torrance for Dominguez Channel and Torrance Lateral
    - i. We need to include this data in the annual report and need 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> screening reports from Dominguez Channel and Torrance Lateral
      1. Torrance will conduct screening in August and early September
    - ii. By December 28, 2016 we need to conduct 50% of source investigations for significantly flowing outfalls, so we need to know how many outfalls have

significant flows. This can be determined after Torrance conducts the screenings.

- g. Geosyntec has assumed responsibility for SMBBB TMDL weekly data reporting from Redondo Beach staff
- i. Database has been updated and Geosyntec is tracking the data

#### **4. Watershed Coordination Tasks for FY16-17 - scope discussion**

- a. A handout was provided and the WMG discussed the Watershed Coordination scope of work for FY1617
  - i. Group agreed to defer some of the PIPP tasks to FY1718 to allow scope for the rest of the tasks
    - 1. The following items will be developed during FY1617 as agreed upon by the group
      - a. Contractor handout describing required construction BMPs
      - b. Integrated Pest Management outreach to residents in coordination with water purveyors or other NGOs
      - c. Content for agency websites on conditionally exempt discharge BMP requirements
    - 2. The following items will be deferred to FY1718 as agreed upon by the group:
      - a. Contractor one-sheet outlining road work BMPs
      - b. Auto and Nursery facility outreach materials
      - c. Mobile Business outreach
      - d. Outreach materials for conditionally exempt dischargers print materials (Flyers, brochures) will be developed in FY1718 if needed.
      - e. Review and update of PIPP survey
  - ii. The other tasks were unanimously agreed upon by the WMG
  - iii. McGowan Consulting will revise the Watershed Coordination SOW based on discussion and will submit final version to the WMG

#### **5. CIMP MOU – Caltrans Participation**

- a. Caltrans will send Shawn Igoe the specific language they need to add to the CIMP MOU agreement between Caltrans and Manhattan Beach

#### **6. EWMP**

- a. The South Bay Steering Committee accepted two new regional projects and the EWMP into IRWMP at its May meeting
- b. Next step is Leadership Committee acceptance of EWMP into IRWMP (July 27th)

#### **7. Grant Applications:**

- a. Prop 1 Stormwater Round 1 Implementation for Hermosa Greenbelt Infiltration submitted by July 8<sup>th</sup> deadline

- b. Prop 1 Coastal Conservancy planning grant for design of Greenbelt Infiltration system
  - i. The grant application was not selected – Kristy will forward letter
  - ii. According to Blais & Associates, the application may be considered with other LA County projects in the next cycle, Round 4 “Urban Greening Projects” to be awarded in late August/early September
- c. Prop 1 IRWMP Implementation next round of funding is likely to be soliciting within the next year or two

#### **8. Additional Items for Discussion**

- a. LA County is developing a new annual reporting tool to meet the templates for individual and watershed annual reports
  - i. The tool will help each City fill out the individual annual report, which will generate an incomplete watershed form that can then be elaborated on
  - ii. The tool is being co-funded with City of LA

#### **9. Next meeting August 9th, 10am-noon**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A copy of the Ports of LA presentation will be sent out to the group by McGowan Consulting
2. Manhattan Beach will send the Semi-Annual Data Submittal Letter to the Regional Board
3. Geosyntec and McGowan Consulting will coordinate on the CIMP schedule and Geosyntec will send a revised version out to the WMG
4. Hermosa Beach will look into what their City needs from Geosyntec in order allow access to monitoring location BCEG-02
5. The cities will get access permits in place for Geosyntec by mid-August
6. Geosyntec will order the flow probes and work with each City to get them installed by late August/early September
7. Geosyntec will resend the Activation Memo for Wet Weather Sampling and Tech Memo 1.9 Exceedance Notification and Action Plan to the WMG for review
8. WMG to send Geosyntec comments on the: HASP (by July 20), Activation Memo (by August 12), and Tech Memo 1.9 Exceedance Notification and Action Plan (by September 1)
9. Torrance will conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> screening of Dominguez Channel and Torrance Lateral outfalls in August and early September respectively
10. McGowan Consulting will revise the Watershed Coordination SOW and send out to group
11. Caltrans will send Manhattan Beach specific language it is requesting be added to the CIMP MOU agreement between Caltrans and Manhattan Beach